

# United Capital Stable Income Fund

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## FUND OBJECTIVE

The Stable Income Fund is an actively managed open-ended specialized fund whose main objective is to provide investors with stable returns over a medium to long-term period, through investment in select naira denominated highly rated fixed income instruments with relatively high return. The fund is targeted at investors looking to gain exposure to naira denominated fixed income instruments yielding relatively high return, with risk profile moderately higher than money market investment. The fund is ideal for investors with moderate risk tolerance and investment horizon. The Fund will also help investors diversify their portfolio and income streams whilst providing long-term capital appreciation, through investment in a selected portfolio of fixed income securities and investment products.

## MARKET REVIEW, OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

At the money market, the CBN conducted two (2) auctions with a marginal reduction across both auctions. There was a total offer of N480bn offered at the first auction cutting across the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day bill.

The bids were majorly skewed towards the longer-tenured instrument, "364-day bill", which received total bids of N938.87Bn. Notably, the Apex Bank undersold the auction, allotting just N554.02bn worth of bills. That said, the stop rates on the 91-day and 364-day bill climbed by 1.02% and 1.07%, settling at 15.32% and 17.69%. Meanwhile, the stop rate on the 182-day bills remained unchanged at 15.50%.

At the second auction, there was a total offer size of N290bn across the 91-day, 182-day, and 365-day bill with a strong investors' demand pushing the total subscription to N1.59trillion, indicating an oversubscription rate of 5.49x. The Bids were heavily skewed toward the longer-tenor 364-day bill, which attracted a total of N1.48trillion in bids. Notably, the Apex Bank over-allotted, selling N345.09bn worth of bills. The stop rates on the 91-day, 180-day and 364-day bills fell by 0.98, 0.99% and 0.95%, settling at 15.00%, 15.30% and 16.78%, respectively.

In the secondary market, the monthly average yields on the 182-day and 364-day bills fell by 0.34% and 0.74% to settle at 17.94% and 18.76%, respectively.

The financial system opened in September 2025 with a surplus balance of N6.57 trillion. Although there were mop-up activities during the month (due to primary market sales by the Apex Bank), inflows from Federation Account Allocation

Committee (FAAC), and Open Market Operations (OMO) helped support liquidity.

The bond market remained bullish with the DMO conducting the September auction with an offer size of N200billion cutting across two (2) maturities, the reopened 2030 ("5-year") and 2032 ("7-year") bond papers

Investors' demand was strong, with total subscriptions reaching N1.260 trillion, representing a subscription rate of 6.3x. Notably, the DMO over-allotted, selling a total of N576.62billion worth of bills. The marginal rate on the 2030 bond paper fell by 0.89%, from 18.00% to settle at 16.00% and the 2032 bond paper fell by 0.90%, from 17.95% to 16.20%.

In the secondary bond market, we observed bullish sentiments amongst investors due to the Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) cut decision by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). Thus, the monthly average yields on the 2030, 2032, and 2035 bonds closed lower by 0.60%, 0.72% and 0.30% in September to settle at 16.47%, 16.20% and 16.14% respectively.

Conversely, we observed sell-offs in corporate bonds, as average yields in Sep-2025 climbed by 0.95% m/m to close at 18.96% (previously, 19.98% in Aug-2025). Likewise, the FGN Sukuk bonds market closed bearish as average yields on Sukuk bonds increased by 0.94% m/m to close at 16.70% in Sep-2025 compared to the previous month's close of 17.81%.

**Looking ahead to October, expected decline in the inflation rate, stability in the FX market and improving external sector should continue to exert downward pressure on yields in the market.**

**We expect the fixed income market to maintain its bullish momentum mainly hinged on the drop in the MPR by the MPC which has triggered significant decline in the market.**

**Consequently, the bond market is expected to stay bullish, supported by strong demand and improved economic fundamentals. Robust liquidity in the financial system could sustain investor interest in sovereign bonds. Meanwhile, corporate and Sukuk bonds could face mild pressure as investors shift toward FGN Bond to lock in at current rates in anticipation of further drop in rates.**

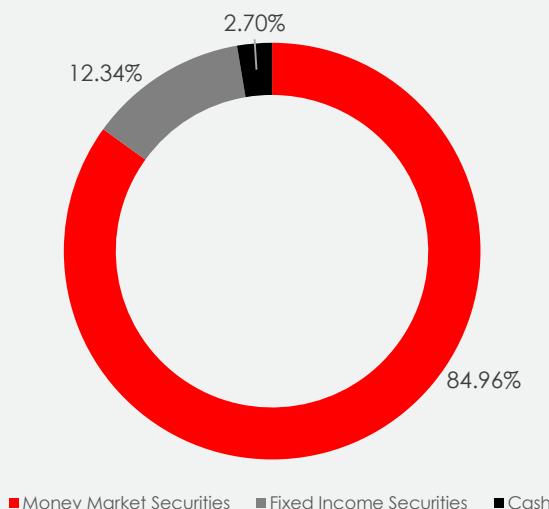
**FUND FEATURES**

<b>Fund Manager</b>	United Capital Asset Management Ltd
<b>Investment Manager Rating</b>	A+(IM)
<b>Base Currency/Start Year</b>	Naira/2024
<b>Fund Size (₦)</b>	52.3bn
<b>NAV Per Share (₦)</b>	123.8882
<b>Minimum Entry (₦)</b>	50,000,000
<b>Additional Investment (₦)</b>	10,000,000
<b>Structure</b>	Open Ended
<b>Minimum Holding Period</b>	30 days
<b>Benchmark</b>	91-Weighted Average T-Bills rate
<b>Management Fee</b>	2.0%
<b>Total Expense Ratio*</b>	2.23%
<b>Risk Profile</b>	Low
<b>Investment Style</b>	Income Oriented

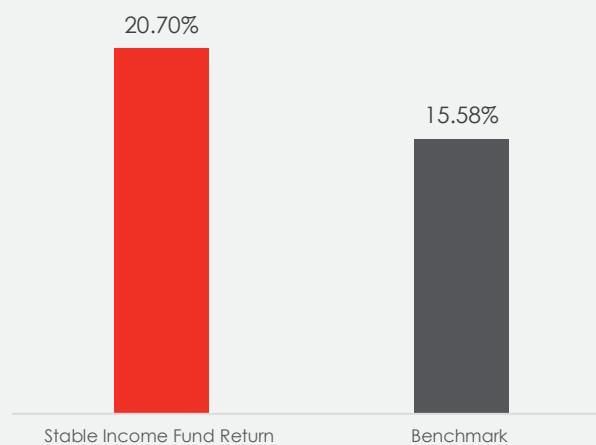
\* Inclusive of management fee; Returns are net of all fees

**MATURITY PROFILE OF ASSETS**

< 1 yr.	86.48%
1 – 3yr	2.04%
3-5yr	2.16%
5 – 10yr	9.32%
>10yr	0.00%

**Current Portfolio Holdings**

**Governance Asset Allocation Ranges:**

Money Market Securities (70%-90%); Fixed Income Securities: (10%-30%)

**Stable Income Fund Return Vs Benchmark (Annualized)**

**RETURN HISTORY**

	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	2025 YTD
UCAP Stable Income Fund	22.88%	21.87%	22.09%	21.63%	21.93%	20.70%
Benchmark	19.06%	17.75%	17.75%	15.58%	18.84%	15.58%

**PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

The United Capital Stable Income Fund returned a year-to-date annualized return of 20.70%, outperforming the benchmark by 15.58% as at the end of September.

The money market recorded significant decline due to excess system liquidity as investors scrambled to get the best pricing for their assets. This led to a general drop in the market rate which positioned the fund for mark to market gain across several assets held in the fund. The fund had initially locked in funds across the long end of the curve helping to preserve its overall performance and give better returns with the fund manager taking profit across several of the assets held.

The bond market mirrored this trend as several bonds bought earlier in the year helped position the fund for MTM gains. The fund manager still intends to take advantage of current rates and take position in current instruments with good pricing to optimize overall returns.

In October 2025, we expect bullish sentiments to persist as investors continue to look for long-term positioning in the fixed income space to help preserve and improve the overall funds return which should encourage further inflows and improve the funds AUM.

The Fund will continue to invest in high quality fixed income instruments that generate competitive returns for the benefit of the subscribers. The Fund is well positioned to deliver above-average returns despite the current yield environment.

### WHY CHOOSE THE FUND?

- Stable returns over a medium to long-term period
- Capital preservation
- Low risk investment
- Portfolio diversification
- Open entry and exit
- Professional management

### INVESTMENT RISK

- Market risk
- Macroeconomic instability
- Interest Rate Risk

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